

Johnstown, Pa.

SILVER WEDDING.

Eld. Solomon Benshoof, one of the oldest ministers of the Brethren church, is now in his seventy-eight year and is enjoying reasonably good health. He has been married three times and on the 25th of Sept. was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding day of his present wife. He, knowing that he has lived out the allotted time plus seven years and that his head was blossoming for the grave, he called to his home his old friends and neighbors of the community to share his hospitalities. And indeed it was one of the most enjoyable day that we have ever lived. Not only to one but all present. The following are the names of those who were present:

Eld. P. J. Brown, Congress, Ohio, Rev. J. B. Rittgers, Johnstown, Pa., Mrs. Edith Rittgers, Johnstown, Pa., Benj. Benshoof and wife, Aaron Stutsman and wife, John Teeter and wife, G. W. Stutsman and wife, Hiram Ribblet and wife, Daniel Stutsman, wife and child, John Wessinger and wife, William Hunt and wife, Abram Ribblet and wife, Kadila Coffman, Mary Keltz, Mattie Strayer, J. A. Goughnour, wife and child, Dan. Stutzman, wife and child, Mineral Point, Joseph Cabaugh, Delia Benshoof, Mary Strayer, Libbie Strayer, John Benshoof and wife, Marion Benshoof, Albert Wessinger and wife also child, Charles Bowers, wife and child, Hannah Goughnour, Mary Goughnour, Katie Findley, Lemon Moore, Sidnie Everheart and child, Manda Boyer, Mrs. Dick, Jonas Goughnour, George Moore, wife and two children, Kate Eppley, Hannah Hilderbrand, Paul Benshoof, wife and child, John E. Strayer, wife and child.

After partaking of the rich viands of life of which the tables were spread, a collection was taken which amounted to about thirty dollars. Then many valuable presents were donated by friends to the venerable veteran and better-half, which were received by a few touching remarks by the receiver.

Short and appropriate addresses were made by P. J. Brown, Benj. Benshoof and J. B. Rittgers, all wishing the Elder and wife years of happiness yet together. The crowd dispersed after singing long metre doxology and benediction by Eld. Brown. May God bless them in their declining days and eventually bring them to himself in heaven is the prayer of the writer.

Yet amidst pleasure comes sorrow. A few days ago I called to see Sister Hannah Varner who was seriously ill, and while sitting by the bedside I could readily see that the time of her departure was near. But it was a consolation to me to know that for forty long years this sister lived a devoted Christian life and if she should depart this life she could say as one of old, "I have fought a good fight," etc. The next day we were called to preach her funeral. Her remains were interred in the cemetery on Benshoof Hill. She leaves one brother, one sister, two daughters and one son to mourn. Aged 66 years, 2 mo. and 22 days.

What a true saying: "in the midst of life we are in death." Another sister and mother is

gone from among us. Another added to the heavenly throng. May the God of heaven bless her bereaved friends and help them all to strive to meet her where parting is not known.

Also on the 24th of Sep. the little son of E. A. and Mary Goughnour died. Interment at Hetrick's cemetery. Funeral services by the writer. Leroy Goughnour, aged 1 yr., 2 mo. and 5 days. Another flower plucked on earth, but only to bloom in heaven. May the Lord bless the father and mother in their bereavement.

J. B. RITTGERS.

Sixteen Years Imprisonment.

Sixteen years imprisonment with hard labor for stealing thirteen cents was a remarkable sentence pronounced by Judge Cowing recently on a prisoner in the court of General Sessions, New York. The evidence showed that the prisoner had accosted a man in Tompkin's Square, and demanded money for beer. Being refused he knocked the man down and robbed him of thirteen cents. Before sentence was passed, the judge was informed that this was the third time the prisoner had been convicted of the same offense, and he had been out of prison only three weeks. Judge Cowing said the prisoner was evidently becoming a habitual offender, and stood in need of exemplary punishment. He should therefore sentence him to State's prison for sixteen years at hard labor. The prisoner seemed amazed at the sentence, having probably expected that the theft of so small a sum would be lightly punished. The Judge however, treated him as an incorrigible offender, and public opinion approves his doing so. The justice of the principle on which he acted in the case is generally recognized, but it is often overlooked in regard to our position before God. The sinner who has continued in sin in spite of warnings and God's providential dealings, and has rejected the offer of pardon through Christ, has no grounds on the principles of human justice in expecting mercy when he stands at God's tribunal.



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Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ Jesus: As I have been chosen to write something about Sister's Church Missionary work, I would say first that the work is an important one and sisters occupy a very responsible place in church. How necessary that we adorn our lives with godliness and christian piety, and that our influence may go out for good and the salvation of precious souls. We, as Christian mothers occupy the most responsible position in church amongst woman. O how careful we should be in bringing up our children, we are responsible to a great degree for our children's future destiny. How needful for us to instruct them for future usefulness and pray much for our beloved children. The words of God tells us that the prayers of the righteous avail much. Many a righteous son or daughter has been brought to Christ and the church by silent meditation of mothers, prayers in by gone days. Who can measure the width or fathom the depth of the good that Christian mothers have done to the rising generation.

We should not be discouraged in trying to do our duty, and do it well in our families, in the church and amongst our associates. How careful we should be with our conversation in life. O that more of our talks and walks in life might be for Christ and

the advancement of his kingdom. Those young sisters—what an influence you can have for good in the church if you only will, by leading a quiet, humble and righteous life in the church. I would advise you to take the precious Saviour with you wherever you go, and let our heart's fill with the love of God. In associating with your younger friends, use your influence for Christ amongst them. Eternity alone will reveal the good you have done. I think we as sisters, both young and old, should be deeply concerned about the welfare of the church, and how necessary that we watch our own selves and be very careful not to have our minds on vain objects, but adorn our bodies in plain and modest apparel. We should be subject to the brethren and assist them with a hearty good will wherever we can. Go to God himself for instruction in every thing that most concerns us. This span of life is onely lent to us for life's duties and not for selfishness, not to be idled away in aimless dreams, but to improve ourselves and to serve mankind. The serene silent beauty of a holy one is the most powerful influence in the world.

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